DXpedition News

Ecuador - HC Dr. Rick Dorsch NE8Z returns to Ecuador as **HC1MD** Feb. 16-28, 40-10 meters, including the new bands, mostly CW 5 and 25 kHz up, with some SSB. He'll be **/HC4** Feb. 19-23, including the ARRL CW DX test, and **/HC6** Feb. 24-25. He is especially looking for the new European countries, C9, and CEØX for his HC1MC DXCC. QSL to John Kroll K8LJG, 3528 Craig Drive, Flint MI 48506, or via the W8 QSL bureau.

Market Reef - OJØ Seppo Sisatto OH1VR will operate as **OJØ/OH1VR** 1100Z Feb. 5-1000Z Feb. 8, weather permitting. (If the helicopter can't land on the wind-swept rock, the operation will be postponed one week.) Usual DX frequencies (see Chatham Island listing), including the new bands. QSL home address: Lansirinteenk 23, SF-33400 Tampere, Finland.

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Ghana - 9G Five Netherlands amateurs will attempt to raise money for a recovery room for the Doorma Hospital in Ghana, through a amateur radio operation as **9G5AA**. Usual DX frequencies, including the new bands. No definite timetable mentioned. QSL to W. Faasen PA2FAS, Weeskinderdijk 3314 CM Dordrecht, the Netherlands. "In order to raise funds for the recovery room project, a contribution by radio amateurs would be appreciated."

Chatham Island - ZL7 **ZL7AA** will be active March 1-10, on 160-2 meters, SSB and CW. Try 3505, 7005, 14025, 21025, and 28025 khz on CW, and 3795, 7085, 14195, 21295, and 28495 kHz on SSB [These are the 'usual DX frequencies.'] QSL to ZL2AL, P. O. Box 54, Hastings, New Zealand. [Thanks Japan DX News.]

Reserve Your Island - ARRL DX SSB

- **HC8A** will be operated by N6KT in the ARRL SSB test March 6-7, and in the CQ WPX SSB test March 27-28. He'll be there March 2-29, and will be active on SSB outside the tests. QSL via WV7Y. (Note that there are other QSL routes for some other operations of HC8A.)
- **VP5H** is a multi-single entry in the ARRL SSB DX test March 6-7; QSL via WAØPUJ. Look for operators **VP5/WAØPUJ** (QSL WAØPUJ), **VP5/KCØZC** (QSL KCØZC), and **VP5/W5MUG** (QSL WN5YTR) for a week outside the test, beginning March 4.

Shortly Noted

- **TT8AKX** is Jacques FD1SIL, until the end of March.
- **KA3TGY/VP9:** Leo Boberschmidt will be active from Paget Parish Feb. 15-22, on SSB only. Try 14207, 14240, 18120, 21270, 21320, 24940, and 28380 kHz. QSL via home call, with SASE, or via the W3 bureau.
- **S92ST** is Bud Unglesbee K4OSL (ex-EL2T, SVØBK). QSL via K4BAI, who has logs for Bud's former DX calls.
- **JH4NMT**, best known as **5U7M**, will operate from the French Caribbean islands this month. Watch for **FG/JH4NMT** Feb. 2-6, **FM5CD** Feb. 6-10, and from **French Guinea FY** Feb. 11-15. QSL via the JARL bureau only. Don't send any cards direct; he will QSL 100% of his contacts via the bureau. [Three cheers for this QSL policy! - ed.] (Japan DX News.)
- **OHØBBF** will be a multi-single entry from Aland Islands in the ARRL CW DX test Feb. 20-21. QSL via Eric Heikkinen OH2BBF.
- **T31AF** has been worked on 21026 kHz at 2100Z, and on 21012 kHz at 0030Z.
- **VR6BB** continues to be very active; try 3504 kHz at 0445Z, 10103 kHz at 0330Z, and 28024 kHz at 1900Z.
- **S21ZG**: Eric is also active almost daily; try 7004 or 14025 kHz at 12-1400Z. QSL W4FRU.
- The **DXCC Backlog** is decreasing. As of the end of January, they were processing applications received 4-6 months earlier. They have 2460 applications with 172,154 cards still unprocessed, down from 3830 at the end of October, and 3239 at the end of December.
- **SSB Net** check-ins: **14160** kHz (21Z) ZB2CF; **14256**: (2330Z) 3XØHNU; **21335**: (14Z) 5Z4FM 4N4XX C31XX S79KMB 4N5JA AP2JZB TL8NG TN1AT.
- **RTTY**: **V31RY** will be a multi-op entry in the BARTG RTTY Contest March 19-21, with Glenn AEØQ, John KTØF, and Leo WNØB active from Ambergris Caye (NA-073) March 19-28. QSL V31RY to WNØB. **OD5PL** is often on 21088 kHz at 1415Z.
- **Islands On The Air**: Bill Hassan WA1IML will operate as **C6A/WA1IML** from Andros Island (NA-001) in the Bahamas Feb. 15-20. He'll be on all bands, CW and SSB, 22-0300Z, and occasionally at other times, depending on the bone fishing. QSL home address (P. O. Box 329, Newtonville MA 02160), with SASE, please.

Propagation

Forecast and Historical Data

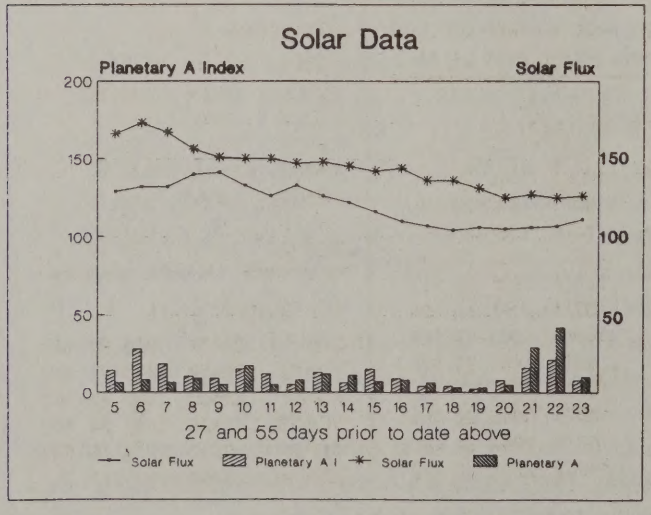
Day	Forecast	27 Days Before				55 Days Before			
February 1993		Date	Flux	A	K	Date	Flux	A	K
5	High Normal	1/9	129	13/14	2	12/12	166	08/06	2
6	Low Normal	1/10	132	24/28	2	12/13	173	06/08	1
7	Low Normal	1/11	132	15/18	3	12/14	167	10/06	2
8	Above Normal	1/12	140	06/10	1	12/15	156	10/09	2
9	Above Normal	1/13	141	08/09	2	12/16	151	05/05	1
10	High Normal	1/14	133	15/16	3	12/17	150	16/17	4
11	High Normal	1/15	126	12/12	1	12/18	150	04/05	2
12	Above Normal	1/16	133	05/06	1	12/19	147	07/08	3
13	High Normal	1/17	126	13/09	1	12/20	148	11/12	3
14	High Normal	1/18	122	06/08	2	12/21	145	07/11	3
15	Low Normal	1/19	116	15/14	3	12/22	142	05/07	1
16	High Normal	1/20	110	09/10	1	12/23	144	07/08	1
17	High Normal	1/21	107	04/06	0	12/24	136	07/06	3
18	High Normal	1/22	104	04/05	2	12/25	136	02/03	1
19	High Normal	1/23	106	02/03	1	12/26	131	02/03	0
20	High Normal	1/24	105	08/09	2	12/27	125	03/05	2
21	Low Normal	1/25	106	16/18	4	12/28	127	22/29	5

Propagation Watch

The last week of January provided DXers with some excellent low-band opportunities. Very low levels of solar flux (near 100) lowered the maximum useable frequency, and reduced absorption on the lower bands. An exceptionally quiet geomagnetic field (K index 2 or less) and the still-long winter nights in the northern hemisphere combined for some fine openings on 40, 80, and even 160 meters.

Unfortunately for the CQWW 160-Meter CW test, these good low-band conditions did not persist over that weekend. A geomagnetic disturbance probably related to a coronal hole disrupted propagation, especially through polar and auroral latitudes. We may be in for more geomagnetic disturbances, as a series of moderate flares erupt from a locations still beyond the solar limb on Feb. 1. This may be the return of Region 7391 (it will get a new Sunspot Region number this time around.) If this area continues to grow, look for disturbed conditions this next week.

The declining solar flux has taken much of the excitement out of 10 and 12 meters, but 15, 17, and 20 meters continue to provide good daytime DX openings, especially in lower latitudes. Good hunting!



P5RS7 PDR Korea

by Kan Mizoguchi JA1BK

P5RS7 started QRV on Dec. 18, 1992, 5 days behind the schedule; JA1TWP on 40-meter CW was the first contact in the world.

Thereafter Romeo made contact with JA1BK on 40-meter SSB and it has been employed continuously in full swing. Initial news release sent out by JA1BK through fax to the world immediately.

The place where QRV conduced was one of the camps located in the North-Eastern Region near the Russian border. Numbers of the operators are five: 3W3RR/AHØM Romeo, UB4JDM Oleg, UWØMF Mike, UT3UY Toly, and Mr. Oreg Pavlenko. (The operator who called himself Vlad was a pirate.)

Two stations were operated at the same time: a Kenwood TS-690S and TL-922 amplifier, and another TS-690S barefoot. Antennas used were: 15 meters: ground plane on the ground; 10 meters: ground plane; 20 meters: inverted Vee, originally on a tree, later moved to the roof; low bands: common-fed inverted vee. On 6 meters we used a two-element quad.

QRT was made at 1800Z on Jan. 6, 1993, under the instruction from Pyongyang. More than 36,000 QSOs were in the log. The log was inspected by the authority of Pyongyang on Jan. 7. Logs for 160, 80, and 6 meters have already arrived at JH1HGY, and the rest will soon be arriving. From P5RS8 by 27 MHz CB, Toly made QRV for a short time.

The foregoings are information obtained from Romeo (he was in Ukraine Army major uniform) on Jan. 22, 1993 in Beijing, China.

I would like to appreciate for what they have done under the most difficult situation and give my highest respect for their success.

Project Goodwill Albania

by Frank Smith AA7FM

Marengelen Mema (Geni) ZA1B will be arriving in the USA this coming Saturday, following a flight from Tirana and Zurich to Los Angeles. This is the culmination of an international humanitarian effort initiated by Martti Laine OH2BH several months ago in an attempt to obtain life-saving medical treatment for Geni from the Phoenix, Arizona, medical community. Geni comes here with thanks to the assistance of Swiss Air and the Office of US Senator John McCain of Arizona.

Following his surgery, Geni will be honored at a reception held at the Consulate of Finland in Phoenix and later he will he hosted by Wayne Mills N7NG in Jackson, Wyoming. Those who have forgotten to forward their donations to help Geni, please do so by sending a tax-deductible check payable to WVARC, P. O. Box 1036, Sun City AZ 85372-1036.

QSLs Received

▪ From managers: **5X5WR** (DJ5RT 2 WKS), **7Q7XX** (JH1RRA 1 MO), **XQØX** (CE3ESS 5 WKS), **3XØHLU** (IK2OPZ 3 WKS), **RH8BKA** (WA2NHA 6 WKS), **CE8ABF** (LU8DPM 4 MOS), **9A2PM** (KA9WON 1 MO), **VP8CBA** (W6MKB 9 MOS), **OH1AF/OJØ** (OH1NOA 2 MOS), **ZL7AMO** (ZL1AMO 4 WKS), **YN1CC** (W3HNK 5 DYS!), **EU1O** (F6AML 5 WKS), **P4ØW** (N2MM 2 WKS), **4J4GAT** (DL1VJ 2 MOS).

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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20

*Key to Bandpass: Callsign, frequency, UTC, day of the month, state. * = long path. P = packet. All "portable" calls listed with country of operation first, regardless of format used on the air.*

RTTY

7Q7ZZ	21083	1905	24	CA
C31HK	21091	1747	25	PA
CEØZOK	14089	0151	24	PA
LY2ZZ	21090	1451	24	FL
OD5PL	21087	1414	26	PA
UZØLWC	14081	0310	26	CA
VO2AA	21094	1457	24	FL
VP8CFM	14088	2303	25	PA
VR6BB	21086	1811	23	CA

160 Meters

4X4NJ	1832	0437	20	SC
9K2ZZ	1832	0007	21	NS
C31LL	1834	0052	21	NS
OK1DOT	1834	0300	27	IL
OM3BRK	1831	0013	21	NS
OM3EY	1828	0300	27	FL
S57MM	1831	0216	30	FL
SV3AQR	1845	2240	22	NS
V85KX	1825	1420	25	CA

80 Meters

3X0HNU	3684	2348	23	IL
	Listening 3512			
4N4ENS	3505	0052	26	FL
9M2AX	3501	1555	23	CA
9M2AX	3503	2314	26	IL
9V1ZE	3509	1457	23	CA
9V1ZE	3501	2300	19	AL
A92BE	3792	2253	28	IL
C31LL	3503	2307	28	FL
EA9UK	3502	0630	30	FL
FM5BH	3504	2336	25	FL
J28FO	3507	0240	24	MA
JA1HQT	3501	1040	20	NH
P29DK	3504	1255	20	AL
RM8MW	3507	2315	21	NH
UC1AWW	3506	2306	25	FL
UJ8JA	3501	0125	28	FL
VR6BB	3504	0445	29	GA
VS6WO	3503	1315	17	IA
Z21HS	3501	0355	29	GA
ZC4TX	3508	0331	28	FL

75 Meters

4U1UN	3802	0540	23	AZ
7X2BK	3799	2315	28	IL
A22BW	3791	0421	20	AL
D44BC	3800	0554	22	CA
OD5ZZ	3799	2211	23	MA
UJ8JMM	3795	2325	28	IL
V63OM	3799	1314	23	IL
VK6LK *	3798	2132	23	MA

40 Meters

3B8CF	7005	0200	18	IA
3DAØBK	7012	0332	24	FL
3XØHNU	7005	2230	23	GA
4U1UN	7005	0610	23	UT
5B4ADA	7008	1430	19	AZ
6W6JX	7002	0605	23	UT
8R1J	7004	1027	20	VA
9K2ZZ	7003	0200	22	AL
9K2ZZ	7004	2145	20	VA
9V1YC	7009	1155	30	FL
BY5RT	7022	1140	30	FL
CN8LR	7025	0200	30	FL
EC8AXM	7027	0158	27	FL
ES1WN	7007	0252	22	GA
ES1WN *	7003	1405	23	MN
FK8FU	7016	1304	23	AL
FK8GS	7008	1209	30	FL
HJØVGJ	7007	0251	22	GA
HSØAC	7006	1208	30	FL
HSØZAR	7018	1213	23	MA
J28DS	7001	2220	26	IL
PZ1DY	7008	0139	20	SC
S21ZG *	7004	1220	19	IA
TR8NSY	7005	0308	24	AZ
TU2MA	7003	0614	20	UT
UL7CN	7012	1455	23	MN
UW9AR	7012	0400	23	IL
VQ9AC	7013	0215	24	GA
VQ9RB	7017	0157	30	FL
VR6BB	7002	0428	20	CA
VS6WO	7007	1220	21	MA
VS6WV	7004	1205	19	IA
XU2ZP	7005	1433	24	AZ
XU5DX	7001	1508	23	AZ
YN/ SMØOIG	7003	2316	25	FL
YN1CC	7010	0532	20	UT
Z21HS	7006	0424	21	VA
ZA1J	7006	0305	28	GA
ZA1W	7003	0700	29	FL

30 Meters

4K1YAR	10106	0207	20	GA
4K1YAR	10103	2137	20	NS
7P8SR	10110	0326	24	GA
7P8SR	10109	2120	24	GA
9J2BO	10105	0444	28	PA
A71AL/ SP5EXA	10103	1846	20	NS
CN8CU	10106	0314	23	KS
EA8AB	10101	0009	25	FL
JX7DFA	10105	2040	23	PA
LX1DA	10102	2115	24	GA
PZ1DV	10105	0146	20	GA
S92SS	10106	2001	22	NS
TA2BK	10105	2303	25	PA
TF3CW	10102	2249	28	FL
VP2MLD	10106	2313	23	PA
VR6BB	10105	0325	22	KS
YN1CC	10101	0029	25	GA
ZS6QU	10107	2155	24	GA

20 Meter CW

3Y2GV	14014	2150	23	MN
4N5JA	14014	1617	25	ID
4S7EA	14009	2315	19	MI
5R8DG	14029	1322	19	VA
7P8SR	14028	0103	24	IL
7Q7XX	14022	1829	21	WI
8Q7XX	14004	1838	20	CA
9K2ZZ *	14007	1515	20	WA
9V1ZE	14025	0012	24	MA
A22MN	14028	2150	17	CO
A71AL/ SP5EXA	14023	1557	20	CO
DPØGVN	14016	0200	21	MN
EA9KQ	14004	1900	23	GA
H44JS	14033	0342	20	OR
JT1BR	14013	0112	21	MI
JWØF	14023	0200	17	IA
JWØF	14024	1905	30	FL
JX7DFA	14009	0247	17	CA
LA6KHA *	14007	1530	21	WA
RM8MW	14013	1249	23	FL
S21ZG	14006	1944	20	UT
S51ND *	14011	1557	19	WA
S92SS	14025	2200	20	KS
SU1SR	14026	1550	23	CA
UJ8JA	14009	1300	21	FL
UL7VV	14017	0229	24	CA
UM8DX	14020	0253	24	CA
VR2GC	14026	0220	22	GA
VR6BB	14024	0341	24	UT
VU2IOC	14015	1715	19	CA
ZD8LII	14014	2301	19	NH

20 Meter SSB

3XØHLU	14236	0147	25	CA
4S7EA *	14194	0203	23	CA
9K2GS	14200	1659	19	NH
C9RLA	14160	2219	20	CA
EL2PP	14242	2218	23	CO
HKØOEP	14195	2337	20	NH
J28BM	14160	2124	19	SC
JT1BG	14195	0133	20	WI
JX3EX	14226	1853	18	NB
JY5FJ	14203	1420	17	IA
RM8MW	14188	0256	24	CA
S21ZG	14256	1225	23	FL
S92ST	14236	2228	18	GA
T5/KE6BL	14193	0136	19	AL
TZ6NU	14208	0213	16	MD
VQ9AC	14214	1850	22	NS
YI1OMR	14215	1600	22	CA
ZD8HH	14162	2107	21	SC

17 Meter CW

4N4K	18069	1353	28	PA
5Z4FM	18081	1945	26	PA
7Q7XX	18071	1823	20	VA
9K2MU	18078	1331	30	FL
C31LL	18073	1353	28	PA
EA8AF	18074	1839	30	FL
S92SS	18071	2125	22	MN
T31AF	18069	1903	21	NS
TF3GC	18074	1455	23	KS
TL2RR	18071	1542	30	FL
VR6BB	18075	0015	22	GA
VY1JA	18076	2042	24	CA
ZD8LII	18072	2234	19	MO

15 Meter CW

3XØHNU	21015	1322	22	WI
7P8SR	21029	1915	18	CA
7Q7XX	21029	1545	21	CA
9M2AX	21026	0119	25	CA
A22MN	21024	2058	17	CA
C9RDM	21013	1249	17	VA
HJØVGJ	21026	1900	23	GA
HKØER	21021	2022	24	MA
OX3XR	21025	1540	24	FL
TR8YA	21028	2040	24	GA
ZA1EM	21028	1245	25	GA
ZA1M	21021	1457	21	WI
ZD8LII	21020	2240	24	GA

15 Meter SSB

5R8DG	21258	1914	17	VA
6W6JX	21303	1845	24	CO
9X5JA	21327	1925	18	CA
A22EX	21287	1553	23	CO
A22MN	21339	1640	23	CO
D2/N6QHO	21355	1956	18	GA
J5UAI	21355	1925	25	WI
JD1/ JR7TKC	21263	0111	24	CA
OD5ZZ	21268	1459	23	CO
PZ1EO	21300	0020	24	CA
S92SS	21287	2236	17	MD
UH8EA	21260	1311	22	NS
YI1OMR	21261	1445	21	WI
ZA1BM	21280	1402	18	MD
ZD7CRC	21355	1958	18	GA

12 Meter CW

9J2BO	24899	1440	22	MD
A22MN	24898	1641	24	FL
VP2MLD	24910	1318	23	AL
VR6BB	24892	1915	22	NS
ZD8LII	24895	2222	24	CA

12 Meter SSB

VR6JJ	24935	2015	24	MD

10 Meter CW

7Q7CM	28013	1532	22	MD
7Q7LA	28026	1455	22	MN
7Q7XX	28006	1807	20	VA
C9RJJ	28017	1540	16	MO
FR5DD	28019	1508	22	MD
FR5GG	28017	1540	18	IA
VR6BB	28023	1859	17	MI
XQØYAF	28009	1740	18	IA

10 Meter SSB

3XØHLU	28477	1305	22	MD
7X2DG	28488	1410	24	MD
9J2EG	28500	1525	24	MD
HC8GR	28428	1437	24	MD
YJ8RN	28542	2224	16	MD
ZD7CRC	28456	1630	17	IA

Current and Future DXpeditions

(Changes and hot info in **boldface**.)

DXCC Country	Prefix	Callsign	Dates	Issue
Aland Islands	**OHØBBF**		**Feb. 20-21**	**I674**
Angola	**D2/**	**N6QHO**	**Jan. 13-Feb. 16**	**I671**
Antarctica	DL1KVC/P		14246 17-1900Z	I664
Ascension Island	ZD8VJ		Now-1994	I673
Bahamas	**C6A/WA1IML**		**Feb. 15-20**	**I674**
Baker, Howland	**KH1**	**AH1A**	**Now-Feb. 4**	**I671**
Bangladesh	S2	S21ZG	**7004 1200Z**	**I674**
Barbados	**8P**	**8P9DX**	**Jan. 23-Feb. 6**	**I667**
Belau	**KC6**	**SS,RR,OK**	**Feb. 10-28**	**I670**
Bermuda	**VP9/**	**KA3TGY**	**Feb. 15-22**	**I674**
British Virgins	VP2V/W2GUP		to March 9	I670
Cambodia	XU	XU7VK, others now active		I670
Chad	TT	TT8OBO	Mar. 15-Apr.	I673
		TT8AKX	**to Mar. 31**	**I674**
Chatham Island	**ZL7**	**ZL7AA**	**Mar. 1-10**	**I674**
Cocos Island	**TI9JJP**		**Feb. 14-24**	**I673**
Cook Islands	**ZK1**	**DLs**	**Feb. 6-15**	**I673**
Crozet	FT	FT4WD	Now	I670
Central Kiribati	**T31AF**	**15M CW 21, 0030Z**		**I674**
Ecuador	**HC**	**HC1MD**	**Feb. 16-28**	**I674**
Ethiopia	**ET**	**9F2CW**	**Jan. 30+**	**I673**
French Guinea	**FY**	**by JH4NMT**	**Feb. 11-15**	**I674**
Galapagos	**HC8**	**HC8A**	**Mar. 2-29**	**I674**
Ghana	**9G**	**9G5AA**	**Soon?**	**I674**
Guadaloupe	**FG/JH4NMT**		**Feb. 2-6**	**I674**
Kingman Reef	KH5	NØAFW/	late Feb.	I666
Madagascar	**5R**	**5R8DG**	**28544 14-1500Z**	**I672**
Market Reef	OJØ/	OH3AC	Feb. 24-28	I672
	OJØ/OH1VR		**Feb. 5-8**	**I674**
Martinique	**FM**	**FM5CD**	**Feb. 6-10**	**I674**
Midway Island	KH4	KD7P/	early 1993?	I669
Montserrat	**VP2MFA**		**Feb. 5-17**	**I668**
Nauru	C2	C21BR	to mid-Apr.	I669
Navassa	KP1	W5IJU	Mar. 26-Apr. 3	I668
Pitcairn Island	**VR6**	**JJ,BB**	**to March**	**I670,3**
Revillagigedo	**XF4**	**XFØC**	**Feb. 18-Mar. 5**	**I673**
Rwanda	9X	9X5AB	now active	I662
San Andrés	HKØ/	AA5AU, KB5GL	Feb. 27+	I667
São Tomé	S9	**S92ST**	**now active**	**I674**
Seychelles	S7	S79MD	now active	I670
Singapore	9V	9V1YU	15M 15-1700Z	I661
Turks & Caicos	**VP5**	**VP5F**	**Feb. 17-23**	**I673**
		VP5H	**Mar. 4-11**	**I674**
Western Sahara	SØ	SØRASD	Feb. 24-Mar. 6	I673

Operating Events and DX Gatherings

Dates	Event	Reference:
Feb. 13-14	Spanish RTTY Contest	CQ
Feb. 20-21	ARRL CW DX Contest	QST
Mar. 6-7	ARRL SSB DX Test	QST
Mar. 27-28	CQ WPX SSB test	CQ
April 16-18	Visalia International DX Convention	
April 23-25	Dayton Hamvention®	

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Globex HA5BUS Saga Continues

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The Globex-sponsored HA5BUS around-the-world tour in a mass-produced Hungarian Ikarus bus ran into serious problems. When Mogurt, the main sponsor, could no longer fund the trip, the expedition could hardly pay the shipping cost from Australia to the US. Half the money was paid to get the bus to the US, with the remainder, about US$7,500 due on arrival. For a couple of months, the crew worked unsuccessfully to raise these funds. But in January, the shipping company said that the bus was impounded, further access to the bus was denied the crew, and the vehicle would be auctioned off on Jan. 31 if the shipping bill was not paid.

Fortunately, a Cable News Network (CNN) piece on the bus and its crew attracted the attention of Julius Kluger, head of Florida-based Sky Ex company, who paid the US$7,500 to get the bus back. Several foreign companies have also expressed interest in helping out. The bus left the shipyard on January 18. (The shipyard dropped its demand for some US$7,000 in storage fees!) Meanwhile the bus seems to have sufficient funds to tour Mexico, Canada, and the east coast of the US before returning to Europe. Note, however, that their itinerary may change depending on further financial support.

The amateur crew still await their US guest operating license. Meanwhile some **S2/HA5BUS** and **EP/HA5BUS** QSL cards are arriving, postmarked Los Angeles, presumably from the bus team. Globex has confirmed many of the QSL requests received via the bureau system. Cards mis-sent to HA5XA, HA5BFM, HG5BFL, and others have been forwarded to the correct QSL address: Globex Foundation, P. O. Box 49, Budapest 1311, Hungary.

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